DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AWARD MADE

Garth Harrison (left) district supervisor, fruit and vegetable division of the department of agriculture, presents a certificate of merit to Herbert Buchanan, in honor of his retirement after 33 years with the department. The certificate, presented yesterday, was signed by Harry Hayes, federal minister of agriculture. Prior to his retirement in August of last year, Mr. Buchanan was fruit and vegetable inspector at Fredericton, P.E.I. Looking on is Mrs. Buchanan.

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Rails For Causeway Is People's Decision

The decision on whether the proposed N.B.-P.E.I. will carry rails, should rest with the people and government of P.E.I., it was stated in the annual brief of the P.E.I. Legislative Committee of the International Railway Brotherhood to the provincial government.

The brief, containing 13 sections, was presented Thursday on behalf of the union by F. L. Butler, J. C. Carroll, J. G. Burge, A. E. Murphy and V. J. Bowlan.

The brief said the people of the province should not "hand over the heritage given them under the terms of Confederation to some secondary group which had little interest in the progress of the people of this province as a whole."

Stating that it was the union's opinion that the railways were essential to the economic well-being of the people of the province, the brief said the products of agriculture, the province's basic industry, need "compact transportation of a positive nature."

It was pointed out that highways are also essential to an efficient transportation system; however, careful consideration must be given to "all the social and economic implications that would be the inevitable consequence of the disappearance of rail services to and from the province."

LOTTERY SUGGESTED

The brotherhood suggested that a provincial - operated lottery should be established. It was said in the brief "in view of the amount of money which is annually being sent out of this province to foreign legal lotteries, and in view of horse race betting having legal status here, we believe that a provincially operated lottery should be instituted. Money raised by this means could be allocated to hospital and educational services."

The committee proposed that the government permit the sale of margarine in the province. It was pointed out that possibly many citizens "cannot afford to purchase butter even at the present price, therefore we do not consider that the sale of margarine would be detrimental to the dairy industry of this province."

The brotherhood recommended that the government enact legislation making the 40-hour week mandatory for all industry in the province. In the face of automation and new methods of production "resulting in a situation where a high percentage of our working force is unemployed, we recommend the 40-hour week."

AMENDMENTS REQUESTED

A number of amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act were requested. These changes would cover an increase in widows' pensions, an upgrading of former compensation awards, and abolition of the wage ceiling used to compute compensation benefits.

The brotherhood said "an effort should be made to have all level railway crossings annually protected or equipped with protection signals pending the elimination of these crossings. "It is noted that there were four accidents at crossings in the province in 1963."

Pointing out that the brotherhood "looks forward to the early enactment of a Canada Pension Plan," it was recommended that the provincial government "give immediate consideration to the enactment of legislation designed to require vesting privileges and portability in private pension plans to co-incide with the principle established in this respect by the Canada Pension Plan."

Health and education were also mentioned in the brief. The brotherhood expressed the belief that "the highest priority should be placed on the early implementation of a nation-wide program of health care and this should include preventive, diagnostic, curative and rehabilitation services rendered by physicians, surgeons, dentists and other specialists, hospitals and health agencies."

In education, it was recommended that "consideration be given to working in co-operation with the ministers of education in other provinces toward a greater degree of uniformity in the education curriculum so as to facilitate the continuity of education when families move from one province to another."

Also called for was the appointment of a qualified steam boiler inspector for the province. The brotherhood also said it believed that "Ex Parte Injunctions in labor disputes should be abolished and the law be eliminated to amend them."

Nfld. Poses Flag Question

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Should Canada's new red and white maple leaf flag be flown above or at equal height with the Commonwealth's Union Jack? That question has stirred up some argument in this bastion of British tradition.

A local radio station (CJON) suggested Thursday the Newfoundland government is not following protocol by raising the two flags to the same level. The provincial government announced a few days ago that two flagpoles of equal height will be erected at all provincial buildings.

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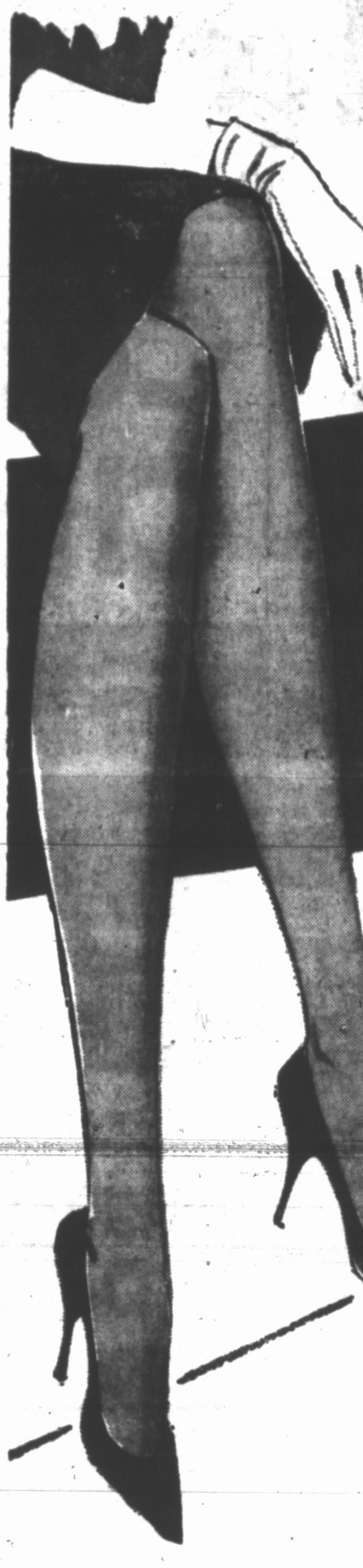

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